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In re Patent Application of:
Tsuneo Maruyama et al.

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For: WEAR RESISTANT BEARING OF MOTOR-
TYPE FUEL PUMP

Examiner: W. Zhu

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In further response to the Final Office Action dated January 8, 2008 finally rejecting claims 1-4, and in response to the Notice of Appeal dated April 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time also accompany this paper. The two-month extended due date was June 8, 2008, which fell on a Sunday. Thus, this paper filed on Monday, June 9, 2008, falls within the two-month extension period.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.